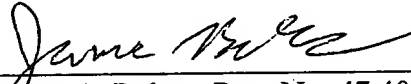


Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, claims 10-13 and new claims 19-21 patentably and unobviously distinguish over the references of record and are in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Applicant has included fees for one additional independent claim and for one claim in exceedence of twenty claims. Applicant has also included fees for a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. No additional fees are believed due in connection with this amendment. However, in the event additional fees or extensions are required, the Examiner is authorized to treat this letter as a request for further extensions and to charge deposit account 03-0172.

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IN THE CLAIMS

10. (Amended) Apparatus for removing [scrap] a trim strip from a knife roll of a slitter, comprising:

a scrap receiver adapted to collect [scrap]said strip from said roll; and

a nozzle adapted to direct a stream of fluid into the area where said strip leaves said roll and generate a pressure that guides said strip toward said scrap receiver.

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